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**OHIO**

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 50.6 degrees, 0.2 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, October 24. Precipitation averaged 1.65 inches, 1.02 inches above normal. Growing degree days were 14 points below normal.

Reporters rated 2.9 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 22. This is 2.9 days below last year and 2.4 days less the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 2 percent very short, 7 percent short, 80 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2004	2.9	5.2	129.1
2003	5.8	3.8	116.1
1999-2003 Average	5.3	4.6	140.8

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	2	7	80	11
Last Week	6	21	67	6
Same Week Last Year	0	1	84	15
1999-2003 Average	7	18	62	13

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 24

Respondents estimate **Corn** is 96 percent mature, two days ahead of last year but two days behind the 1999-2003 average. Reporters estimate 48 percent of corn for grain has been harvested. This is seven days ahead of last year and about two days ahead of the five-year

average. Farmers have 94 percent of **Corn silage** harvested, compared to 100 percent the previous year and 99 for the 1999-2003 year average. **Soybeans** are 94 percent mature. This is five days behind last year and eight days behind the five-year average. Farmers have 73 percent of soybeans harvested. This is about one day behind 2003 and about four days behind the 1999-2003 average. Producers have 82 percent of **Winter Wheat** planted. This is slightly behind last year and three days behind the five-year average. Respondents estimate 55 percent of winter wheat has emerged. This is about three days ahead of last year but about one day behind the 1999-2003 average. The fourth cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 86 percent complete, seven days behind last year and 11 days behind the five-year average. The third cutting of **Other hay** is 93 percent complete, 14 days behind last year, and 14 days behind the 1999-2003 average. Eighty-six percent of **Fall apples** have been harvested. **Grape** producers have 95 percent of their crop harvested, compared to 82 percent in 2003 and 94 percent for the five-year average.

Rain showers brought field work to a standstill at the beginning of the week. Many farmers who were unable to harvest their crops spent time repairing farming equipment. Weather conditions improved as the weekend approached and many in the farming community resumed their normal activities. Producers continued the grain harvest but spend more time during the week harvesting corn than soybeans. Growers planted winter wheat and performed fall tillage. Producers cut Christmas trees, spread manure and harvested vegetables.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Corn was rated at 73 percent good to excellent condition compared to 72 percent last week. Winter wheat was rated at 70 percent good to excellent condition compares to 68 percent last year. Even with last weeks rain showers some growers in drier areas are concerned about wheat germination.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 24

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	86	93	94	81	NA
Apples harvested (fall)	86	88	87	75	NA
Corn mature	96	94	97	94	95
Corn harvested for grain	48	31	43	38	44
Corn silage harvested	94	100	99	91	NA
Grapes harvested	95	82	94	63	NA
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	93	100	99	90	NA
Soybeans mature	94	98	99	89	NA
Soybeans harvested	73	77	79	70	71
Winter wheat planted	82	83	86	74	78
Winter wheat emerged	55	44	59	35	57

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	6	19	45	28
Previous Week	2	6	20	45	27
Previous Year	2	5	20	48	25
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	10	29	43	13
Previous Week	3	11	29	44	13
Previous Year	3	7	27	51	12
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	8	27	48	14
Previous Week	2	10	27	47	14
Previous Year	1	4	25	54	16
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	2	27	54	16
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	5	26	57	11

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 24

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	48.3	-1.3	0.73	0.20	26.08	3.24	18	-21	3040	-25
North Central	49.2	-0.8	1.01	0.48	27.63	4.03	21	-17	2994	-25
Northeast	49.7	0.4	1.10	0.48	32.24	7.07	22	-15	2762	-82
West Central	49.6	-0.7	1.29	0.75	26.73	2.30	23	-19	3229	27
Central	50.8	0.0	2.03	1.42	32.18	7.28	30	-15	3286	47
Central Hills	49.4	-0.2	1.44	0.85	35.16	10.16	25	-14	2965	-32
Northeast Hills	49.4	-0.6	1.38	0.78	37.09	12.24	27	-14	2994	-47
Southwest	52.0	0.5	2.69	1.94	27.23	1.19	32	-17	3432	45
South Central	54.4	2.4	2.34	1.53	34.20	9.40	48	-5	3551	112
Southeast	52.2	1.4	2.09	1.40	35.31	10.30	41	-6	3272	44
STATE	50.6	0.2	1.65	1.02	31.23	6.57	29	-14	3174	12

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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